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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT BOARD AND ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE ONLINE AND TELEPHONIC MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

This meeting of the West Hills Neighborhood Council Zoning & Planning Committee will be conducted online via Zoom Webinar and telephonically. All are invited to attend and participate.

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| 1. | Call to order | Mr. Bill Rose, Co-Chair
Ms. Charlene Rothstein, Co-Chair |
| 2. | Establish Quorum | Ms. Faye Barta, Secretary |
| 3. | Comments from the Co-Chair(s) | Mr. Bill Rose, Co-Chair
Ms. Charlene Rothstein, Co-Chair |
| 4. | Approve the minutes from September 8, 2020 | Ms. Faye Barta, Secretary |
| 5. | Public Comments on Non-Agenda items | |
| | <u>New Business:</u> | |
| 6. | Discussion and possible action regarding an update on the West Hills Community Plan. Q and A to follow | Mr. Bill Rose, Co-Chair
Ms. Charlene Rothstein, Co-Chair
Mr. Andy Rodriguez, Senior City Planner
Los Angeles City Planning
Mr. Correy Kitchens,
Staff Planner/West Hills |
| 7. | Discussion regarding MANDATORY City Planning 101 online training sessions for all Zoning & Planning committee members
Register at: planning.lacity.org/planning-101-series | Mr. Bill Rose, Co-Chair
Ms. Charlene Rothstein, Co-Chair |
| 8. | Adjournment - Next meeting/Tuesday November 10, 2020 | |

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DRAFT MINUTES

Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Present: Aida Abkarians, Faye Barta, Dan Brin, Bob Brostoff, Margery Brown, Carolyn Greenwood, Bonnie Klea, Steve Randall, Bill Rose, Charlene Rothstein, Myrl Schreiber, Joan Trent, Alec Uzemeck.

WHNC Board members ALSO Present: Anthony Searce, Brad Vanderhoof, Saif Mogri..

Members of the Public present: Steven Crosby, Melody Forsythe, Jill Stewart, Chris Rowe, Jillian Hegedies, Danny Ostztracker.

1. The Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Quorum was established.

3. Comments from the Co- Chairs:

Bill Rose: Bill advised that Bobbi's estate will need to be probated, and the reverse mortgage on her home must be paid/satisfied. Bobbi's only son is in ill health, but Bobbi's remains will be sent to him. There may be a small, outside service on October 3. At this time there is nothing we can do.

Char Rothstein had no comments.

4. The July 14, 2020 minutes: After discussion, in the Present paragraph, after Also the word should be Present:. On page 2, the top Old Business should be deleted. In paragraph 6, the third line from the bottom, there should be a space between City and hearings. Thereupon, the July 14, 2020 minutes were **approved as amended.**

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None.

Old Business None.

New Business

6. Presentation on Building a Safer LA: Steve Crosby introduced himself as a member of the organization Build With Strength LA (BWSLA), which is a national organization devoted to promote fire safety only in family buildings of 3 to 7 stories, in order to attempt to lessen the speed of fire and protect residents and surrounding structures. BWSLA aims to build a coalition of building trades, businesses and people, building owners and churches to make sure new buildings are more fire-safe. BWSLA seeks to obtain more support and to have communities involved in these coalitions. BWSLA works with governmental departments such as Planning, Building and Safety, and fire departments. Single family homes, duplexes and triplexes are not included in BWSLA's work. Co-chair Char Rothstein advised that the committee will review the materials and Steve's presentation and revisit this topic at the October, 2020 meeting.

Co-chair Bill Rose announced that Tony Brosamle had resigned from the Board and all committees, leaving one seat on the Zoning and Planning Committee open. Bill asked Saif if he is interested in serving as a member of Zoning and Planning. Saif said yes, and Bill and Char chose Saif to fill Tony's vacant seat on the committee.

7. Discussion and Possible Action regarding AB 725 (by Betty Wicks and Scott Weiner) and AB2345 (by Lorena Gonzalez and David Chiu): Co-chair Bill Rose began this discussion by remarking that the goal of Scott Weiner is to over-populate all of California using the bills he introduces in the Legislature. Bill introduced Jill Stewart who is with Liveable Los Angeles (LLA) to give remarks about both bills. Basically both bills are attempts to order cities of all sizes to change where population growth is going to be housed by tearing down existing single family homes and smaller buildings and upzoning parcels to contain 100 units per acre. Clearly "one size for all" will not fit into every size city. AB 725 is currently on the Governor's desk but no one knows if he will veto the bill or sign it. Char pointed out that these new structures will not be adding reimbursements for schools. Aida said none of the plans require any low-income housing. Jill advised the state should examine funding again and perhaps put a measure on the ballot for affordable housing for homeless. AB 2345 is also a density bonus bill to build more bigger buildings for more low-income residents by breaking present rules of size, setbacks, open space, trees and landscaping. Char mentioned no school reimbursement again, along with parking spaces decreased. Jill advised individuals to keep writing to

elected officials and the governor until the legislature provides for better low income buildings. Char advised we can speak with the mayor as a group to suggest a different resolution to this problem.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Co-chair Bill Rose announced the next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 and adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.



Char Rothstein <charwhnc@gmail.com>

Registration Still Available for Upcoming Online Courses: Planning 101 Training Series | Enrollment Still Open for Upcoming Online Courses: Planning Training Series

2 messages

Los Angeles City Planning <planning.liaison@lacity.org>

Thu, Oct 1, 2020 at 10:31 AM

Reply-To: planning.liaison@lacity.org

To: charlene.rothstein@westhillsnc.org



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Dear Stakeholder,

Registration is still open for City Planning's *Planning 101* online training sessions. We're excited to see that over **1,900 individuals have registered already!**

The annual *Planning 101* series provides a general overview of the core functions of planning in Los Angeles and serves as an educational and practical resource for anyone interested in learning more about how land use policies are created and implemented. This year's *Planning 101* series consists of two presentations, one on project planning and one on community planning. Each presentation will be offered several times, but the content will remain the same each time.

In keeping with Major Eric Garcetti's Safer At Home orders, this year's training will be offered virtually to minimize and stop the spread of COVID-19. Attendees will be able to join by telephone, or remotely, through GoTo video conferencing software.

Project Planning Sessions

The Project Planning training will highlight how projects are reviewed and walk attendees through each step of the development review process—beginning with the submission of a project application at the public counter and ending with the approval of a building permit.

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

RSVP (English)

Thursday, October 15, 2020

5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

RSVP (English)

Saturday, October 17, 2020

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

RSVP (English)

Community Planning Sessions

The Community Planning training will introduce attendees to a wide scope of topics in long-range planning, from the development of new policies and goals to the local zoning rules that shape our neighborhoods.

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

RSVP (English)

Thursday, November 19, 2020

5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

RSVP (English)

Saturday, November 21, 2020

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

RSVP (English)

About the Planning 101 Training Series

Launched in 2017, the *Planning 101* series is an educational initiative led by Los Angeles City Planning that provides the public with an overview of basic elements of the City's planning and development process. Over the last three years, about 30 trainings have been attended by more than 1,500 community members, including students, residents, neighborhood council members, members of community-based organizations, and planning and policy professionals.

Estimado interesado,

Aún sigue abierta la inscripción para la serie de capacitación sobre planeación. ¡Estamos emocionados de ver que más de **1,900 personas se han inscrito este mes!**

Esta serie anual brinda una descripción general de las funciones centrales de la planeación en Los Ángeles y sirve como un recurso educativo y práctico para cualquier persona que desea aprender más sobre cómo se crean y se utilizan los planes de uso de suelo. La serie de capacitación de este año consta de dos presentaciones, una sobre planeación de desarrollos urbanos y otra sobre planeación comunitaria. Cada presentación se ofrecerá varias veces, pero el contenido será la misma cada vez.

De acuerdo con las órdenes de Quedarse en Casa del alcalde Eric Garcetti, la capacitación de este año se ofrecerá virtualmente para minimizar y detener la